gloves up for clash with SA

By LESTER VENTER: Political Correspondent

WINDHOEK and Pretoria squared up this week for a serious clash over racial and constitutional issues — which could result in a major embarrassment to the South African Government.

The SWA/Namibian transitional government believes the latest South African moves are aimed at pushing the territory back into an era of apartheid homelands — and the territory's leaders are determined to fight the moves.

The transitional government tabled in Windhoek this week its draft constitution for the territory's future — the product of 18 month's work by a constitutional committee and a decade of constitutional drama and change from apartheid there.

The constitution abandons the South African idea of compulsory ethnic group association and separate political structures.

It proposes a nonracial central government elected equally by all adults.

Individual rights, as opposed to group rights, are protected by a Bill of Rights.

Response

South Africa's response came immediately after the tabling in a meeting between the Windhoek Cabinet and the South African Administrator-General in the territory, Mr Louis Pienaar.

He told them South Africa wanted "urgent" ethnic elections, hinted at a return to homeland-style authorities — and gave the Cabinet an August 19 deadline for reply.

SWA/Namibian leaders are furious.

They slammed the South African move as "a step backwards".

Senior Cabinet member Mr Dirk Mudge spoke of "absolute confrontation".

He said: "Just when we are getting going we hear that we are not good enough and the train is stopped."

Boycott

A top Cabinet source said: "We are not going to let ourselves be kicked around."

And, also from the Cabinet, came a suggestion that a boycott was possible: "The South Africans could find themselves sitting with only a bunch of tribalists prepared to take part."

This week's move was the latest bid by South Africa to head off the nonracial constitution of its prodigal, mandated territory.

When the draft was completed about six weeks ago, Windhoek Cabinet members were summoned for a tongue-lashing by South African State President P W Botha.

● Widespread failure to meet export orders due to lack of vital South African-origin inputs.

● Pricing of Zimbabwean exports out of all foreign markets due to purchase of essential components from more expensive sources than South Africa.

"South Africa would not need to take retaliatory action," he said, referring to the possible cancellation of the preferential trade agreement renegotiated last August.

"It wouldn't be in their interests because we are going to do ourselves so much damage anyway."

The Zimbabwean leader is due to confront Britain's Mrs Margaret Thatcher on the sanctions issue at the Commonwealth leaders' conference in Vancouver, Canada, later this month.

At the last Commonwealth summit in the Bahamas in 1985 Mrs Thatcher is reported to have told Mr Mugabe:

"Go ahead and cut your own throat if you want to, but

This could come in gradual stages by applying discreet pressure to businessmen through the new consultative committee system, or delaying the issue of import licences for South African goods on the pretext that further efforts should be made to find alternative sources.

Mr Mugabe appeared to rush into the "specified country"-list plan to ban imports from South Africa on July 20, following a dismal meeting at Victoria Falls with Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda.

The Zimbabwean leader was apparently angry that he was giving the impression he had "gone soft on sanctions", having agreed with President Kaunda that closing airspace to South Africa-bound flights "would not work".

Mr Mugabe's Ministers telephoned business leaders from Victoria Falls to convene the meetings at which they were told, aghast, of immediate plans to ban all imports not only from South Africa but also Israel,

ces for the third period stating: "specified countries"

For 10 days they total confusion ue of the licences ing essential South supplies.

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Mr Eddie Cro manager of the dor group compan week that economi dence of South Afri be greatly enhance babwe could reop rail link to Maputo year, as scheduled

The route, which ried 90 percent of trade to and from ket, has been clos ously by Mozambi tance movement since August 1984.

As a result, 75 Zimbabwe's trade via the South Afric port system, quite from the 10 percent exports bought Africa itself.

"Family Ties" syndicate front man John Smeddle is toasted after the result

It's a R1m mess-up!

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on the warpath.

Mr Alan Curtin of Northcliff, Johannesburg, on behalf of his finalist wife Anna, says the contest was a farce:

"Mr Grunewald's entry should have been disqualified when he didn't turn up — Pat Kerr should never have been a contestant at all.

"And the Family Ties people should have been knocked out when their answer was wrong.

"The organisers must put things right. It was not a fair deal. I should have contested things there and then, but there was too much confusion."

Mrs Curtin was out of the running when judges would not accept the name "Campbell" as a compiler of English dictionaries.

The Sunday Times established yesterday, with the help of the Johannesburg Reference Library, that the Campbell's English-Santali (a South Asian dialect) Dictionary is published by South Asia Books and edited by R M Macphail.

If this answer had been accepted, Mrs Curtin, who was partnered by Sunday Times books editor Joy Cameron Dow, might have gone on to win the million.

Members of the public who'd bought tickets have phoned newspapers around the country to complain about the confused judging of the quiz, in which 21 finalists — accompanied by celebrity partners — took part.

"How can you hand out R1-million — a sum that only exists in people's dreams — in such a haphazard fashion?" complained one caller.

"The tickets said it would be a draw," said another.

Yesterday the winning family — Mrs Elkon, her daughters estate agent Mrs Avryl Fuchs and pharmacy owner Mrs Joan Shur, and son Mr Dave Cohen, a sales rep — were ignoring the controversy.

The youngest member of the family, Mrs Elkon's granddaughter Samantha Cohen, 13, a Standard 6 student at Northview High School in Johannesburg, was shouting:

"I'm going to take R50 for tuck when school opens on Tuesday!"

"It's our money. We won it. The judges' decision was final," said her father.

They will give Neil Jardine, the headmaster of Kingswood College in Grahamstown, a R10 000 bonus.

Late last night, after a search that rivalled a police drag net, the mysterious Mr R Grunewald (ticket number DA 10324) still hadn't been found.

Even though judges say they won't reverse their decision on the winners, Mr Grunewald still stands to pocket the R5 000 prize won by each of the 21 finalists.

Thirty other lucky ticket-holders also won R1 000.

● The police station in the sleepy western Transvaal town of Brits sprang into action when the phone rang early on Friday morning.

The brief from the Operation Hunger Goldrush II organisers was short: "Find Mr R Grunewald. He stands to win R1-million."

Befuddled

Warrant officer P C Van der Merwe went to work.

All he had to go on was a Brits post office box number — 3020 — and a name.

Yesterday, the befuddled policeman said: "That man is not known to man or beast in Brits. Believe me, I've checked."

The box number belongs to a Mr N K du Toit from a farm near Soutpansdrif. Mr du Toit and his family had no knowledge of a Mr R Grunewald.

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Thirty win R1 000 each

THE 30 R1 000 winners in the Gold Rush competition are:

LT Naidoo, Lenasia; BL Quin, Warden; RR Gee, Goodwood; HJ van Aswegen, Florida; PG Le Grange, Robertson; MC Laubscher, Fish Hoek.

Busby & Partners, Kimberley; RA Wittig, Bruyns Hill; Kris & Co, Durban; I Neil, Kraaifontein; RP Jolliffe, Johannesburg; B Loock, Potfontein; GE Holder, Alberton; E Fouche, Silverton.

H Naude, South Rand; PM Magnusson, Weltevreden Park; DJ Alberts, Roodepoort; JJ Smit, Birchleith; J Pienaar, Harrismith; DG Mohl, Cape Town; D Solms, Waterkloof; S Delle, Durban; TC Lewis, Middelburg; E Falas, Durbanville; H Fourie, Harrismith.

W Arss, Discovery; NL Hancock, Bluff; Zozo Syndicate, Alberton; G Kruger, Benoni; and Liberty Life Community Fund, Johannesburg.

Jo'burg shell-shocke

By CAS St LEGER and MARK SUZMAN

IT WAS a miracle no one was killed. That was the reaction of a shell-shocked central Johannesburg still sweeping up after Thursday's huge bomb blast.

The cost was millions of rands worth of damage. 68 people injured — yet not a single death on the scene of the 10th Johannesburg terror attack this year.

But one human life may have been lost.

A severely shocked two-months pregnant young woman who works for a bank near the blast is understood to have miscarried on Friday.

Gouged

Glass from broken windows was ankle-deep in places, grim witness to the devastation wreaked by an estimated 50kg of explosives.

The car bomb which gouged a metre-deep hole in Quartz Street exploded behind Witwatersrand Command headquarters and in front of the Ster-Kinekor Cinema complex at 9.45am — just before the first shows of the day were due to start.

"Someone up there likes us!" said diamond merchant Mr Louis Lipchin.

Every window of the 10-floor Diamond Exchange Building on De Villiers Street — diagonally opposite the blast — was shattered.

Yet the occupants suffered scarcely a scratch — thanks to the special filament glass that was installed three years ago.

Glaziers, who congregated on the scene within 20 minutes of the blast, estimate the cost of replacing the thousands of broken windows at well over R500 000.

Mr Teddy Kaye, managing director of Fleet Glass, said the damage was phenomenal.

"We've covered other bomb blasts before — we did most of the repairs after the Pretoria blast — but I've never seen anything like this before.

"Our own glass stores ran out early on, so now we have round-the-clock deliveries of new stocks from our suppliers."

Ster City, which took the brunt of the explosion, will cost up to R800 000 to repair, said assistant Ster Kinekor managing director Mr Ian Heron.

Several restau cluding Mike's Ki Gatrile and Son w damaged. The Co chen outlet R300 000 worth of Thousands of rand food on which bu had fallen had to out.

● Diamonds wo R100 000 are miss the blast, dealers yesterday.

At least two dea stones they were were scattered shattered glass bomb exploded.

FREE

R50 CASIN

VOUCHER

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WEATHER AND TIDES

TRANSVAAL: Pretoria, Witwatersrand and the Eastern Highveld, fine and mild but warm over the Pretoria/Rustenburg area; western and south-western Transvaal, fine and warm; central, north-western and northern Transvaal, fine and warm; eastern lowveld, escarpment and Venda, fine and warm.

FREE STATE: Fine and warm but cold at night with frost.

CAPE: North of the Orange River, fine and warm but cold at night; Boland and the Overberg, partly cloudy and mild; Western Cape coastal belt, sunny and warm; Cape Infante to Port Alfred, fine and mild; Port Alfred to Port Edward, partly cloudy and mild; Port Edward to the Tugela, sunny and warm; the Tugela to Kosi Bay, sunny and warm; midlands, north-eastern areas, border and Transkei, fine and warm.

NATAL INTERIOR: Sunny and warm but cold at night.

	High/Low	High/Low
Cape Town	0748/0141	2008/1341
East London	0753/0147	2026/1343
Durban	0807/0157	2039/1356
Port Elizabeth	0758/0150	2030/1349
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